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Dear Jim,

Good to hear from you again. Thanks for interesting enclosures. I am and have been in a real bind on time and it will get worse in the immediate future as more proofs come in for reading, with the appendix to the book to prepare and annotate, and with the legal matters. I'd like to see you when you are here but things I cannot now schedule may interfere. As of now I expect to be here. If you are driving, perhaps you can stop off here on your way back. If you will use Rt. 15 or Rt. 301 at this end, they are both nearby. In any event, we are an hour from DC.

On the legal matters, you cannot help. You cannot qualify, the law prescribing certain prerequisites you have not met. This is a tedious business, and the preliminaries take much time. I've filed the papers on the reports on Ronnie and have had no answer. The future will have to determine what I'll do.

Butler: until he can get another coat tail, he'll be quiet. Your info on his funds is right. His appeal is to the uninformed and the uncritical and to those who are predisposed to at least the right and usually the extreme of it.

Newman's book is sick, real sick. I have it and am struggling through it. He prevented publication of WHITE WASH in 1965 when the editor of a house favorably disposed asked him for a reading for accuracy. Need I tell you he said it was not accurate. You'll note he makes no mention of me or my work. All he did with the terrible thing he had then written was update it, like the few insertions that disqualify everything, Walker being away when he said LHO was on his way to kill him. Which is the entire basis of his nightmare.

Bringuier: you can be useful. You are right to learn his testimony and his book well. I think if you can make him understand how great he is, he might, eventually, consent to a taped interview so you can write about him with the greatest precision, missing not a single of the words of wisdom. Try and learn what he knew about the camps, get him to tell you about the boys who were there when LHO was - all about these dedicated young men so willing to help liberate Cuba. His story on them is perjurious. So you will know and not indicate to him, they, or at least one, was there many times, and this incident was in June, as soon as school was out. Which means LHO was there earlier (and possibly also later, for he haunted that area). One area where he may be more touchy may also be important, and that is the identification of the car he was asked to tell the FBI about by the people in Pena's bar. He is a pack rat, keeping everything, so don't let him pass this off as something he has forgotten. He'll have a slip of paper on it. You might tell him that through police connections you have near college, you might be able to get it traced and tell him more about it. There was a Cuban outfit in the old ITM at that time, loosely called the Free Cuba Committee. See if you can learn anything about that and the people there and what they did. Ask him if he thinks LHO could have been picketing them. (Their presence was reported in the papers). The other agent is important. Maybe he'll tell you what he looked like. If he does, go see Louis and ask him who it might be. But if he gives you the name, that would be better. Likely possibilities are Keack, deBrueys and Kennedy. He may know all (certainly deB), so if one of these, he could tell you. Likewise negative. He was interviewed by a number, so those also he should know. If he saw them, as I think he did.

Even his own staff tried to warn Jim about Tom. Split milk now.

Bringuier is quite an ego. He'd like to be the new Batista and really thinks he has the stuff. Maybe you can get him to believe you think Butler has really stolen his stuff and get him turned on about Butler that way. He is also supposed to be anti-semitic and he is anti-black. Maybe you can get some of this literature from him. He has printed his own anti-Black stuff. He allegedly imported anti-Semitism from L A.

If you reread NO Magz on Thornley, it does not say that this was at the time he knew LHO was in N.O. It can be interpreted that way, and I do. I think KT's knowing about that radio and TV stuff is what directed him to INCA and Butler. But he was or had been on the outs with LHO when they last saw each other. However, there is other reason I cannot give you for believing they were together in NO.

My phone is 301/473-8186 for when you are near here. If it is possible, I'd like to get together with you. Esp. if you can have seen Bringuier by then. But the course of the book and the suits is something I cannot control or foresee.

Best regards, and thanks,